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a converter for converting said incoming message having a message content format of a first type to a message having a message content format of a second type in response to said incoming message and said delivery information, said converter using said delivery information for selecting said message content format of a second type for said message;

means for presenting said message having said message content format of a second type to at least one recipient specified in said delivery information, said message content format of a second type including a format where said message is stored in a location in memory, said location in memory pointed to by location information, said means for presenting having a means for creating a web page for presenting said incoming 15 message; and

wherein said delivery information includes a destination address, said destination address sent through a DTMF generator having a telephone keypad having a button signifying a "." symbol, an "@" symbol, and a ".com" symbol, said symbols having a defined position on said button.

6. An apparatus as recited in claim **5**, wherein said symbols are specified by a button having a digit corresponding to said defined position.

7. A system for receiving and sending messages, the system including at least a first messaging apparatus and a second messaging apparatus, each messaging apparatus comprising:

a converter for converting an incoming message having a first format to a processed message having a delivery format, said converter converting said incoming message to said delivery format according to a format specified by delivery information provided by a user;

a first network interface linked to said converter and a first network, said first network interface including a means for transporting a message between said converter and at least one messaging interface linked to said first network;

a second network interface linked to said converter and a second network, said second network interface for transporting a message between said converter and at least one messaging interface linked to said second network;

means for delivering said processed message through said first network or through said second network in response to said delivery information;

wherein said first messaging apparatus is coupled to said second messaging apparatus through said first network;

wherein said first network interface communicates with a telephone network, said first network interface having a messaging layer for interpreting a destination address generated by a DTMF signal generator, said destination address generated including a "." symbol, an "@" symbol, and a ".com" symbol; and

wherein said destination address follows an Internet Domain Name System addressing scheme; and said DTMF signal generator includes a telephone keypad;

said "." symbol generated by two successive DTMF signals with each signal corresponding to the "1" button on said telephone keypad;

said "@" symbol generated by two successive DTMF signals with each signal corresponding to the "1" button and the "2" button, respectively; and

said ".com" symbol generated by two successive DTMF signals with each signal corresponding to the "1" button and the "3" button, respectively.

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